the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security;

(c) the main benefits of the electronic tickets;

(d) by when consensus among airlines one-ticketing will be in operation; and

(e) to what extent this will be helpful to the passengers ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) This issue is still at examination stage. As such the question of lack of consensus among the domestic airlines does not arise.

(b) International Air Transport Association is not concerned with commissioning of electronic ticketing in India. This issue has to be examined by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and airlines operating to and from India.

(c) to (e) Since the matter is still at examination stage, it is not possible to state the advantages and disadvantages at present. In view of this the time frame for obtaining consensus among the airlines cannot be determined.

Development of Vishakhapatnam Airport

2277. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have agreed to develop Vishakhapatnam airport as International Airport;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that M/s. RITES has already submitted a feasibility report to Government in this regard;

(c) if so, whether Government have issued directions to the Naval Authorities to give permission for such an expansion;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, by when it is expected to be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) and (b) It has been proposed to construct a new runway of dimension 10,000 ft. × 150 ft. at Vishakhapatnam airport to make it suitable for

operation of Medium Capacity Long Range (MCLR) category of aircraft. There are further proposals to construct a new integrated terminal building to handle domestic as well as international passengers; construction of new apron, link taxiway; installation of navigational aids and ground lighting facilities for all weather operation; provision of boundary wall, perimeter road, sub-fire station, approach road etc. The consultant, M/s. RITES has submitted draft report to Airports Authority of India (AAI). The final report will be submitted by the consultants after the same is examined by AAI in consultation with Indian Navy and other concerned departments.

(c) and (d) The project has been taken up by Indian Navy, with financial contributions from AAI and State Government. AAI has agreed to take the responsibility for the execution of this project.

(e) Does not arise.

Sponsoring of sarees for Air Hostesses

2278. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR :

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to negotiate with private corporate houses for sponsoring of sarees for Air Hostesses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be made effective?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Helicopter Services in NE-Region

2279. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of cities/districts of NER where helicopter services are not available;